



# Ashley Junior School



READY  
RESPECTFUL  
RESPONSIBLE

Bulletin 1— Friday 8th September 2023



## Letters/email/text home this week...

Do remember all letters home are available on our website

Whole School Curriculum letters  
Drama Club  
RAAC Letter

Year 3  
Fun Friday

Year 6  
Application advice letter Year 7

<http://ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/letters/>

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It has been a delight to welcome all of the AJS children into school this week. A warm welcome in particular to our new Year 3s, and to other new children who have joined us in other year groups...



We have launched a new set of school values together and it has been fantastic to see them in action in the classrooms and outside at play-time. We look forward to sharing more information about these values with you at next week's Parent Welcome Meetings\*. The children have been **READY** to learn, **RESPECTFUL** towards each other and shown a **RESPONSIBLE** attitude towards their learning and friendships.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE AJS CHILDREN!



We are pleased to announce that Fraser Portraits will be at the School on

**Monday 11th September**

to undertake individual and in-school siblings photographs during the school day.

We are also holding a drop in session after school for out of school sibling photographs.

This will run from

**3.30-4.00 p.m.**

This session will run on a first come, first served basis. No appointment needed.

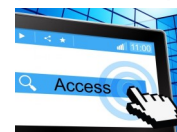
We look forward to seeing you soon!

206 THE BROADWAY, BROADSTONE, DORSET BH18 8DP FRASERPORTRAITS.COM 01202 692433

## ONLINE ACCESS—Set-up

Letters about online access have been emailed to all parents of 'new starters' at AJS this week, as well as to any parent who had not yet registered for the online payment system. **PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAILS!**

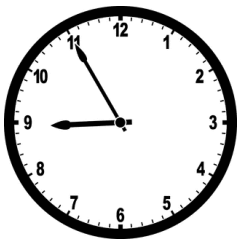
**PLEASE NOTE**—Once set up, the payment account must be kept in credit for your child, thank you.



12th September  
13th September  
14th September  
15th September

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Y3—Parent Welcome Meeting—hall, 9.00am  
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Y5—Parent Welcome Meeting—hall, 9.00am  
Y6—Parent Welcome Meeting—hall, 9.00am



## ARRIVE ON TIME!

Our school gates are open between  
8.45—8.55am, and then they close.



Look out for **TOKEN TIME** next week, and be **READY** to  
pick up your token!

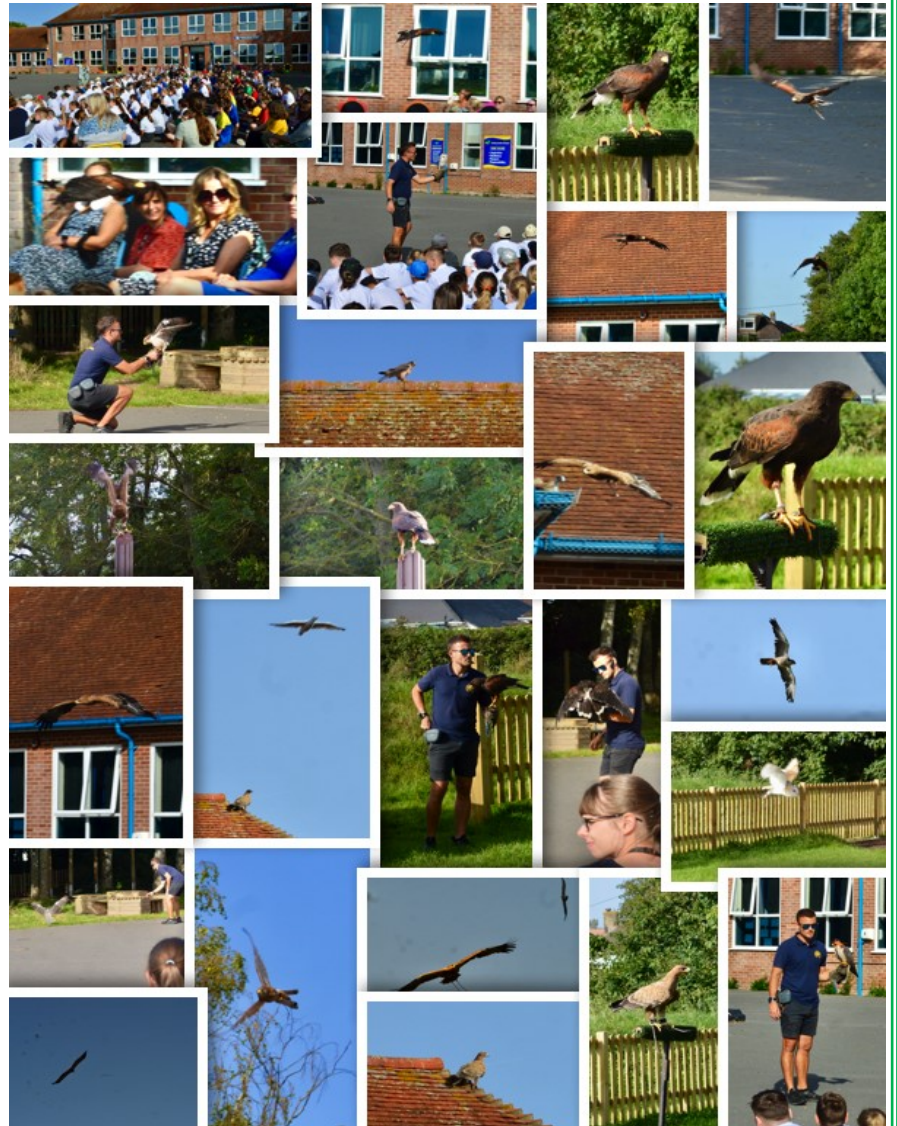


## FLYING HIGH AT AJS!

To mark the beginning of this year's 'High Flyer' awards, we welcomed the team from Liberty's Owl, Raptor and Reptile Centre, for our special annual visit this week.

What an amazing whole school experience we had; from 'jaw-dropping' low swooping, to circling above our heads. We even had some of the wonderful birds taking their spot on the top of our school roof! It was our very own AJS 'air show'!

Our thanks goes to the Liberty's team for yet another spectacular event.



## HIGH FLYER

Wren	Ellie	Kestrel	Willow		
Kingfisher	Casey	Skylark	Asher		
Barn Owl	Mia	Eagle	Finley		
Hawk	Max	Osprey	Chloe	Merlin	Lois
Robin	Molly				





### SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATES:

We have updated our School Uniform Policy:

[www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Uniform-Policy-AJS.pdf](http://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Uniform-Policy-AJS.pdf)



Please note these **two significant changes**:

1. Black school shoes or **black trainer-style shoes** can be worn.
2. **No SMART watches should be worn in school; any brought in should be handed to the class teacher for safe-keeping during the school day.** This includes all Fit-Bit style watches, as some of these can also be linked to the internet.



**Music tuition starts from  
Monday 18th September.**



### New video resources

reading plus

Watch this five-minute video all about Reading Plus:

[www.readingsolutionsuk.co.uk/resource/information-for-parents-carers-an-introduction-to-reading-plus/](http://www.readingsolutionsuk.co.uk/resource/information-for-parents-carers-an-introduction-to-reading-plus/)



What is Reading Plus? How does the programme work? How can parents best support their child?



**Premier**  
Education

**INSPIRING  
ACTIVITY**



What a great first week the new **BREAKFAST CLUB** and **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB** have had! If you would like to know more about how to book your child(ren) into this **NEW Wrap Around Care** offer, please click on the link below:

[Premier Education \(premier-education.com\)](http://Premier Education (premier-education.com))



## CLUBS HOSTED AT ASHLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL—

PLEASE USE THE CONTACT DETAILS LISTED TO BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE(S)...

**Monday to Friday**

### Premier Education - Wrap Around Care Provision

Breakfast Club 7:30am – 8:45am

Afterschool Club from 3:30pm



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<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/21118/?location=new%20milton>

**Monday**

### South Coast Sports Academy

Offering Classes in Netball

For Children in Year R to Year 6



[BOOK NOW | South Coast Sports Academy](#)

### Southern England Karate Federation

Offering 'Sport Karate' from 3:30pm – 4:30pm for children in Year 3 to Year 6.

Contact Sensei Collin on 07966 303585 to book.

<http://www.sekf.co.uk>



**Southern England  
Karate Federation**

### NJ Dance, New Forest

Offering classes in:

Acrobatics

Ballet, Modern, Tap (Combined)

Musical Theatre

Street Dance

For children aged 3 years and above.

Free Trials available in all classes - please kindly book via:



[https://app.classmanager.com/trials/nj-dance-new-forest?season\\_id=14](https://app.classmanager.com/trials/nj-dance-new-forest?season_id=14)

[www.njdancenewforest.com](http://www.njdancenewforest.com)

[njoydance@sky.com](mailto:njoydance@sky.com) 07739 847124

**Tuesday**

### Bournemouth Gymnastics Club

Contact Cathy Woodland on 07547 733874

Please Note; there is a considerable waiting list for this club.



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- Acrobatics
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<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>South Coast Sports Academy</b></p> <p>Offering classes in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football</li> <li>Rugby</li> <li>Multi-sports</li> </ul> <p>For Children in Year 1 to Year 6</p> <p><a href="#">BOOK NOW   South Coast Sports Academy</a></p> 
	<p><b>NJ Dance, New Forest</b></p> <p>Offering classes in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acrobatics</li> <li>Ballet, Modern, Tap (Combined)</li> <li>Musical Theatre</li> <li>Street Dance</li> </ul> <p>For children aged 3 years and above. Free Trials available in all classes - please kindly book via:</p> <p><a href="https://app.classmanager.com/trials/nj-dance-new-forest?season_id=14">https://app.classmanager.com/trials/nj-dance-new-forest?season_id=14</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.njdancenewforest.com">www.njdancenewforest.com</a>   <a href="mailto:njoydance@sky.com">njoydance@sky.com</a>   07739 847124</p> 
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>Zest Dance</b></p> <p>Offering afterschool dance club to children in Year 3 to Year 6 and private lessons. Contact <a href="http://www.zest-dance.co.uk">http://www.zest-dance.co.uk</a> to book</p>  <p><b>Bournemouth Gymnastics Club</b></p> <p>Contact Cathy Woodland on 07547733874 Please Note; there is a considerable waiting list for this club.</p>  <p><b>Samba</b></p> <p>3:30pm – 4:30pm for children in Year 3 to Year 6. Please book a place via the school office. Places are limited. Fees apply.</p> 
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Attendance Matters



**Families can take various steps to support pupils' attendance, so that every child is READY for school:**

- create opportunities, after school, for children to talk about their time at school
- staying up to date with all communications from school
- avoiding school absences where possible – for example, by arranging GP and dental appointments outside of school hours
- building consistent bedtime routines – sleeping well, for the right length of time, helps improve energy levels, mood and concentration
- establishing good morning routines at home to help children arrive at school on time, having had a good breakfast and ready to start the day

**Attendance Figures**



**Did you know? 90% attendance may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss 19 days of the school year ...which is nearly 4 weeks!**

**97% and above** - Less than 6 days absence in a school year. Pupils with this attendance should achieve the best possible outcomes.

**96%** - 8 days absence in a school year. "Good attendance". Pupil with this attendance are more likely to achieve their targets.

**92%** - 15 days absence in a school year. Pupils with this attendance are missing 3 weeks of school per year; it will be difficult for them to achieve their best. AJS may ask for medical proof to authorise absences.

**90%** - 19 days absence over the school year. Pupils with this attendance are missing approximately a month (19 days) of school per year and may fall behind academically and socially. With this level of attendance, the Department for Education consider children to be a 'Persistent Absentee'. Parents will receive letters about attendance and be asked for a meeting to discuss attendance.

**85%** - 29 days of absence in a school year. These pupils are missing approximately 6 weeks of school a year. It will be very difficult for them to keep up and achieve their best and build relationships in school.

**80% - 75%** - Pupils with this attendance are missing a day for every week of school! It will be almost impossible to keep up with their work. Parents of pupils with this level of attendance will be made known to the Hampshire local authority Attendance Team and also may face legal action if there is no medical or other authorised reason for their child's absence.



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....** *NEW EVENTS IN RED*

11th September

12th September

13th September

14th September

15th September

15th September

25th & 26th September

28th September

19th October

**23rd—27th October**

**30th October**

10th November

13th—17th November

17th November

20th—24th November

22nd November

29th November

1st December

5th December

7th December

12th December

13th December

13th December

15th December

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Individual & Sibling School photographs

Y3—Parent Welcome Meeting—hall, 9.00am  
6.00– 6.50pm PTA AGM –All welcome

Y4—Parent Welcome Meeting—hall, 9.00am

Y5—Parent Welcome Meeting—hall, 9.00am

Y6—Parent Welcome Meeting—hall, 9.00am

Year 3 FUN FRIDAY EVENING EVENT!

6:00pm -8:45pm

Parent Consultations 3:40pm—6:00pm

Located In the school hall( see separate letter)

Year 6 'War Workshop' - Onsite visit

Harvest Festival Whole School Assembly 9.15am  
(Year 4 Parents Welcome)

**Half Term**

**Inset Day - School closed to all children**

Remembrance Assembly (Year 6 Parents invited)

Anti-bullying week

Children In Need—SPOTacular—wear something  
spotty for a donation

Maths week

Flu immunisation (pupils)

Year 3 Onsite event—Explorer Dome

PTA Sparkle and Shine Day - donate raffle prizes!  
(More details to follow)

Poetry performance—Lower School 2-2.45pm  
Year 3&4 parents invited( details to follow)

Poetry performance—Upper school 2—2.45pm  
Year 5&6 parents invited( details to follow)

Whole School visit to Ashley Baptist Church (children only)

Christmas lunch & Christmas Jumper day

PTA—Movie Night( details to follow)

Sing-a-long and Carols ( children only)

School finishes 1:30pm